



27 January 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Instructions to [redacted]

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1. This memorandum is for your information and is responsive to a request from you regarding the terms of reference of operating instructions which govern [redacted] and the AP Facility's participation in the CORONA program.

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2. It is our understanding that General Greer misused the subject of [redacted] responsiveness to him in certain CORONA activities. We surmise that his concern was predicated upon [redacted] recent reluctance to participate with General Greer and the [redacted] organization in certain operational planning activities which emanated from [redacted]

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3. If this be the case, [redacted] reluctance to comply with [redacted] instruction was proper and well within existing operational procedures. The case in point occurred towards the end of December when, unbeknown to us, General Stewart requested General Greer to provide the best orbit to cover the Russian area west of the Ural Mountains. [redacted] of course, was not in the position to respond to this request without assistance and analysis provided by our [redacted] facility and so, in turn, requested [redacted] without Washington's knowledge to provide a preliminary analysis and to meet with a [redacted] representative to finalize recommendations back to [redacted]

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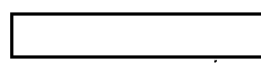
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4. At that time, you will recall, we were deeply engaged with the NRO in the struggle to work out and solidify a CORONA agreement and until such time, it was the established policy of this Agency as well as Secretary Vance that the normal operating procedures effective on 30 November 1964 would apply. [redacted] was not unwitting to

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NRO review(s) completed.

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25X1 the issues in Washington and, hence, when they received
25X1 this query from [] commented that this was not within
25X1 the normal operating procedures and [] could not comply
25X1 with [] request. [] queried Washington as
25X1 to whether or not there had been a change in the opera-
25X1 tional procedures and when advised that procedures had
25X1 not been changed, [] sent a cable to []
25X1 and [] (attached) stating the case and re-
25X1 questing [] guidance. [] in return, responded
25X1 in message [] affirming that normal procedures
25X1 remained in effect and by that message [] was so
advised.

5. Subsequent to this cable exchange, the subject was raised during our discussions with General Stewart and we cited several examples where the Air Force side of the NRO was not complying with the agreement between General Carter and Secretary Vance that normal procedures would remain in effect. General Stewart advised us that this was probably his fault, that he merely wanted some advanced operational planning and had levied this requirement upon General Greer. We suggested that if he desired something like this, he should send it out over the normal operating channels from [] or simply to preface his request directly to [] with a preamble that it was a preliminary operational planning exercise and, of course, we would insist that [] comply. To implement our promise to General Stewart, we issued [] to [] reaffirming our agreed position with General Stewart that requirements may be placed directly on [] or [] for planning exercises and that messages conveying such requirements would be identified as planning exercises in order not to confuse them with the normal operating traffic. We also confirmed the SOP for operational traffic as those procedures in effect on 30 November 1964.

25X1 6. The standard terms of reference for the
25X1 [] activity can best be summarized from [] (attached)
25X1 which describes the functions of the AP facility and
25X1 provides the charter for the exercise of responsibilities
25X1 of the senior CIA man at [] We believe the cable
25X1 speaks adequately to the issue and is attached for your
reference.

25X1 7. In summary, the AP facility, and specifically
[] is under explicit instructions to be responsive

to the operational procedures in the CORONA program which were effective on 30 November. [] will, therefore, not comply with any directive from any quarter other than Headquarters CIA which is issued to the contrary. We believe that such a contention is in keeping with your directive, as noted in your cable instructions to [] (attached).

8. On the technical side--as the senior CIA technical representative and contracting officer, [] was charged with directing and authorizing all work efforts with the CIA controlled contracts in the CORONA program which are conducted from [] This authority has been reaffirmed to him, the contractors, and the NRO Air Force elements in [] (attached). This reaffirmation is also in keeping with oral agreements reached with General Stewart who assured us that he would express this understanding to the West Coast offices.

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Attachments:
Cables (in order of sequence of reference)

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